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Forest Conservation
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has championed the concept of forest conservation as one of the most effective means of climate change mitigation at the UNFCCC;
(b) if so, the domestic and international finances mobilised by the Government for forest conservation in the last three years and the current year, funding source- wise; and
(c) the scale of both domestic and international additional funds the Government plans to mobilise in the next five years for forest conservation, year/ funding source-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) India has been supportive of forest conservation and sustainable management at various international fora, including United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

(b) and (c) The Ministry provides Grants-in-aid to the Governments of States and Union Territories for growth, protection and preservation of forests under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS). The National Afforestation Programme (NAP) aims at regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through people's participation in the country. The aim of IFMS is to supplement the efforts of the States and Union Territories towards protection and management of forests. Funds under the scheme are utilized for patrolling of the forests, establishment of camps, building, watch towers for detection and monitoring of forest fires, creation and maintenance of fire lines, survey and demarcation of forest areas and strengthening forest infrastructure etc. The details of fund released under both these schemes are given in Annexure I and II. The allocation during current financial year for NAP is Rs 100 crores and for IFMS is Rs 49.50crores.